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28th November, 1915.

St. Andrew's Church, Madras

Joint Chaplain.—Rev. Neil Meldrum, M.A., B.D., 2, Victoria Crescent, Egmore.
Kirk Session.—The Chaplain, J. R. Atkinson Esq., W. A. Beardsell Esq., J. M. Ewing Esq., Dr. J. R. Henderson, W. Hutton Esq., W. Lamb Esq., R. W. Ross Esq., Capt. A. J. H. Russell, Col. R. Robertson, J. F. Simpson Esq., and the Rev. A. Templeton.
Church Officer—Mr. H. Boys, Kirk Villa, Egmore.
Organist and Choirmaster—R. L. Hird Esq., Roundhay, Chetput.
Free School Headmistress—Mrs. Bennet, St. Andrew's Free School.
Dorcas Society Secretary—Mrs. J. R. Atkinson, Goodwood, Kilpauk.
Women's Guild Secretary—Mrs. Turner, Silverton, Casamajor Road.
Women's Guild Treasurer—Mrs. F. Thomas, Buckingham Gardens, Perambur.
Sunday School Superintendent—H. P. Ashworth Esq., Kalamunda, Nungambakum.
School Visitation Committee Secretary—Mrs. Taylor-Mitchell, Luttrell's Gardens, Kilpauk.
Honorary Auditor—H. P. Ashworth Esq., Nungambakum.

Church Notices

SITTINGS AND MAGAZINES—Application for vacant sittings should be made to the Clerk, with whom should also be lodged orders for the Monthly Parish Magazine (Rs. 2 per annum), and the Indian Quarterly, *St. Andrew* (8 annas per annum). To seat holders *Life and Work*, with local Supplement, is supplied free. Copies of the Hymnary, Psalter, and Anthem Book, with or without music, may also be purchased from the Church Clerk.

HOURS OF SERVICE—Divine Service is held on Sundays at 8 A.M. and 6 P.M. Choir Practice on Thursdays at 6-15 P.M. Women's Guild meets 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at 4-30 P.M.

HOLY COMMUNION—The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is dispensed after evening service on the first Sunday of every quarter, and after morning service on the sixth Sunday of the quarter.

BAPTISM—The Sacrament of Baptism is administered in the Church on Thursday evenings, or on Sundays after the morning service.

FUNERALS—Funerals should be arranged through an Undertaker.

ST. ANDREW'S CEMETERY—St. Andrew's Cemetery is, by Government order, reserved for the burial of *bona fide* members of St. Andrew's Church and Presbyterian soldiers; and the sanction of the Chaplain has to be obtained.

FREE SCHOOL—There is an Industrial Class in connection with the Free School. Orders for towels, dusters, etc., may be sent to Mrs. Atkinson, "Goodwood," Kilpauk, or to the Church Clerk. The money thus earned helps to defray the salary of an extra teacher.

Church Notes

Rev. Andrew Templeton.—Those of the congregation, and they are many, who looked forward to Mr. Templeton's appearances in the pulpit of St. Andrew's will be sorry to learn that he has been suddenly invalided home and that as medical opinion is against his returning to a tropical climate we are not likely to see him again in Madras. Mr. Templeton has been out for two years and his work in the Christian College during that time has been of such a nature that the College authorities could congratulate themselves on his appointment and they were looking forward to a long and profitable term of service from him. We also in St. Andrew's had reason to congratulate ourselves for Mr. Templeton's pulpit work was of an exceedingly high order and in spite of his heavy College duties he was always ready to come to the help of the Chaplain of St. Andrew's. I personally have great reason to thank him for his urgrudging help to me. We all hope

for him a speedy recovery and a sphere of usefulness for him at home commensurate with his high abilities.

Presbytery of Madras.—The Presbytery of Madras met in St. Andrew's Vestry on November 17th when a long and important agenda was gone through. One fact of wide public interest brought before the notice of the Presbytery was this, that at the present moment a detachment of Punjabi Christian soldiers holds its Church Parade in St. Andrew's Church, Secunderabad. Recently, recruiting has been going on among the Indian Christian community in the north and amongst those who have been sent to Secunderabad for training are many who have been recruited from the Presbyterian Mission fields in the north, our own included. These Christian soldiers, it seems to me, form an interesting and significant phenomenon in the progress of Mission work in India.

School Buildings.—For some time back there has been a feeling that St. Andrew's has been inadequately equipped for other Church work than services on Sunday. In olden days the School buildings were quite satisfactory but now-a-days electric light and fans have made us discontented with old fashioned punkahs and oil lamps. The Kirk Session taking that fact into account decided to equip the School buildings with lights and fans. This has now been done and we can feel that we have a place where we can hold meetings without the discomfort that has been experienced during the last year or two. Those who were present at the Sale on the 20th realised very vividly the striking difference the lights and fans made to the comfort and the success of the function. I shall be glad if any one would care to send me a subscription to help to cover the expense. It would be a great relief indeed if a sum of Rs. 400 could be raised towards the cost.

Miss Evans.—There is a big gap in the Mission House now that Miss Evans has gone on furlough. We all realised that the state of her health was such that she had to go home without any delay and we hope that her rest in New Zealand will bring her back in the best of health and strength. Before she left, the teachers and pupils with whom she has been connected during her term of work met to show her some tokens of their esteem and appreciation. There was a very delightful programme of Indian music and English songs and plays. Amongst other things they staged a most ambitious Drama of Empire where Britannia welcomed one by one the different parts of the King's dominions and the nations who are our Allies. It was a very imposing and striking piece of work and highly impressed those who were present, with the dignity and the restraint with which it was carried through. Miss Evans was presented with an address and a beautiful gold bracelet as a tribute of affection and esteem.

Free School.—The Annual demonstration of the pupils of the Free School will be held in the School buildings on the 16th December. Mrs. Bennet promises an excellent display and one hopes there will be a good attendance to show approval and appreciation of the work being done in the School both by teachers and pupils. The children have been making great progress during the past year and it will be interesting to see how they are getting on in their work.

Friends.—We are glad to welcome Mr. Shaw, a former elder of this Church, back into our midst. Mr. Shaw, I believe, intends to settle down in Bangalore but we hope to have him for some time yet worshipping with us in St. Andrew's. It is also a great pleasure to see Mrs. Short and Miss Short back again in Madras.

Christmas List.—The Christmas List has been out for some time now and is making satisfactory progress. One of the most interesting and most encouraging contributions is from a member of the congregation who is at present serving his country in the Persian Gulf or rather Mesopotamia. His duties there did not allow him to forget St. Andrew's and its needs. The Women's Guild also benefited by his thoughtfulness.

The Presidency Senior Chaplain.—We had a visit from Mr. Heron on the 17th and 18th of November during which visit he attended to several matters in connection with the Church.

COLLECTIONS, ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

1915

				Rs.	A.	P.
October	3rd	Ordinary	...	38	8	6
,,	10th	,,	...	46	12	6
,,	17th	,,	...	50	14	3
,,	24th	,,	...	47	6	9
,,	31st	,,	...	56	13	0
		Total	...	240	7	0

Women's Guild

Sale of Work.—The Sale of Work of which intimation has been made in recent numbers of this magazine was brought to a very successful issue on Saturday, November 20th. Had the weather been favourable, we were to have had a whole series of outside shows and for these Mr. Boys had made the most elaborate preparations. There was a Concert Pavilion, a Refreshment Pavilion, a Shooting Gallery, and a special enclosure for Aunt Sally. Several of the friends of the congregation had undertaken to see the side shows through and had made arrangements accordingly at the expense of much time and trouble, to say nothing of money. However the weather put an end to every thing outside. Indeed except for the two succeeding days we could have had no worse day for the Sale so far as the weather goes than Saturday, November 20th.

Luckily the morning was favourable and the necessary work of preparing the Stalls was gone through under pleasant and encouraging conditions. But the clouds broke about one o'clock and right on till eight the rain poured, the only noticeable point being that certain bursts were more violent than others, but there was not a single moment that one would have chosen for a Sale for which the Guild had been working hard for months. However fortune favours the brave and so far as the results of the Sale go, there was nothing but reason for congratulation on every side.

By half past four the School Rooms were a scene of great activity. Helpers had turned up in abundance and buyers were beginning to make their appearance. The Stalls were all tastefully laid out and heavily laden with objects that tempted the would be buyer. Fancy work, Plain work, Baby work, odds and ends, Flowers, Fruit, and Dolls, all were alike irresistible. The room was gay with bunting and with St. Andrew's Crosses and the cheerfulness inside proved a great contrast to the gloom outside. We had the band of the M. V. G. (kindly provided by Mr. Turner and Mr. Beardsell) with us for the afternoon and their services were much appreciated.

At half past four Her Excellency Lady Pentland arrived with a party of her friends. She was received by Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Meldrum and the Chaplain and taken to the platform where were waiting the members of the Kirk Session, Mrs. Atkinson, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Taylor Mitchell, Mrs. Hird, Mrs. Higginbotham, Mrs. Puddephatt and others. Little Maggie Boys presented Her Excellency with a Boquet of Flowers. Proceedings were begun by the singing of two verses of the Old Hundredth, and prayer by the Chaplain. Thereafter the Chaplain stated some of the objects for which the Guild was working and thanked Her Excellency for coming to open the Sale. He welcomed her especially as the daughter of the present Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, the Marquis of Aberdeen and also as the President of the Women's Guild of St. Andrew's Church. Her Excellency in well chosen and kindly words then declared the Sale open and went round the different Stalls under the guidance of Mrs. Turner, the Honorary Secretary. After a stay of more than an hour Her Excellency then left, having given the Sale so good a start that even the elements at their very worst could not hinder it from being a success.

In spite of the cramped accommodation there was no lack of variety in the entertainment. In one room Mrs. Rae Sherriffs dressed in quaint and witching Welsh costume read the fortunes of those who crossed her hand with silver. Miss Aileen Atkinson had a wonderful Doll's House on view, so wonderful indeed that every one was struck by the care and pains which had gone to the building of it up. Maggie Boys had her little Boat ready but the weather outside prevented her going out and the Boat was to be seen inside, attracting the gifts of the passers-by for the War Fund. The Refreshment Room was run with the smoothness of a machine and the dainty waitresses added their charm to it. A crowd of fair ladies carried round articles for sale and they were hard to resist. Doris O'Brien, a gipsy in the woods, dispensed favours from her gipsy cauldron. Two dainty little Indian princesses (better known in ordinary life as Ingo and Helen Hird) moved about through the company and dispensed their wares. The Pound Table was a great attraction—it soon ran out of material and had to be closed as Sold Out. It is not for me to describe the different Stalls. They were all admirable and all did their part nobly. Mr. Puddephat and Mr. Foster distinguished themselves at the packing counter. Late in the evening Capt. Russell took up the role of auctioneer and rapidly disposed of

a mixed assortment of articles at fancy prices, fruits, vegetables, sweets, cakes, dolls and articles of ornament and clothing. It was an ill moment for the penniless unfortunate who caught his eye. As a result of all the efforts that were made, the Honorary Treasurer for the day, Mr. W. A. Turner, was able to announce that something over Rs. 1,500 had been made, a most satisfactory figure and yet one that is likely to be bettered when everything comes in.

For myself I wish to thank most sincerely all the ladies of the Guild and their friends in whatever capacity they served, for all their labours and for the success that has crowned them. The Secretary and Treasurer and the Stall Holders with their Helpers deserve a special ovation. I should like to give their names but there is no room. I must not forget Mr. Stuart and Mr. Ashworth and while we are sorry that their outside shows were drowned out, it is some consolation to know that they found useful spheres inside. Many thanks are due to all who sent gifts of every kind and here we remember gratefully the firms who helped us, Messrs. Spencer & Co., Oakes & Co., R. Maclure, Whiteaway and Laidlaw, Harrison & Co., Dosai Gowden and if there are any more, thanks are to them all. Without their generous help the success of the Sale could not have been so great. The carpenters sent through Mr. Thomas from the Buckingham Mills were of inestimable service. Last but not least are Mr. and Mrs. Boys. It is not easy to praise them adequately.

And last of all there was the Concert given by Miss Iles and her friends. Once again the weather hurt us here for instead of a good concert Pavilion we had to rush the concert through in the midst of the stir of the sale room. But the concert was a most excellent one and was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. Many thanks are due to the Choir for their choruses, to Miss Captania for her Recitation, to Mr. Rose and Mrs. Flohr for their songs, to Mr. Hird and Mrs. Harris and above all to Miss Iles herself for all her labour and efforts and for her part in the programme.

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Baptism

"Suffer little children to come unto Me and forbid them not."

October 31st, 1915—Ian Campbell Graham, son of Arthur and Mary Jane Scott.
November 5th, 1915—James Alexander, son of Alexander and Rose Marie Maitland.
„ 11th, 1915—Joseph Albert, son of George and Ruth Beck.

Burials

"Blessed are the dead who are in the Lord"

St. Andrew's Cemetery

October 28th, 1915—Sarah Bradbury Bruce, aged 75.

Kilpauk Cemetery

November 23rd, 1915—Annie Smith, aged 73.

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